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In re application of:

R. JURECIC et al.

Application No. 10/076,069

Filed: February 15, 2002

For: HEPP, A NOVEL GENE WITH A
ROLE IN HEMATOPOIETIC AND
NEURAL DEVELOPEMNT

Group Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: Valarie Bertoglio

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 27, 2003, Applicants hereby elect, the claims of Group I (Claims 1-10) drawn to an isolated nucleic acid comprising a sequence that is at least 85% identical to SEQ ID NO:1.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the claims of the non-elected Groups II-VI.

Respectfully submitted,

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